

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY (Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Government of India have allotted only four Blocks during 1972-73 and allotment has been limited to four taluks only.

COMMON SCRIPT FOR KANNADA AND TELUGU

500. Sri CHOWDA REDDY (Chintamani).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state.—

whether Government have chalked out any programme for evolving a Common Script for Telugu and Kannada languages?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA (Minister for Education).—

No.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

Re : *Damages to areca gardens in Koppa and Sringeri Taluks due to cyclones.*

Sri M. MALLAPPA (Birur).—I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue to the damages caused to areca gardens in Koppa and Sringeri taluks due to cyclonic effects.

Sri N. HUTCHMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue) — I state as follows :

A cyclone struck parts of Koppa and Sringeri Taluks of Chickmagalur District on 21st October 1972. Five villages in Koppa Taluk and twenty villages or hamlets in Sringeri taluk were affected. The affected area is 225.7 acres in Koppa and nearly 375.00 acres in Sringeri. To assess the damages and to see what relief measures should be taken the Deputy Commissioner toured the area on the 28th, 29th and 30th of October and visited all the affected villages. The damage was serious. The cyclone seemed to have been of an extraordinary speed and fury. There was no loss of human or cattle life.

Apart from forests, the main damage was to areca gardens. The damage to paddy and plantains was negligible and can be overlooked. An actual of the trees uprooted, broken or felled was made by the